



## ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

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Mr. William E. Colby Director, Central Intelligence Washington, D.C.

Dear Bill:

I am writing to express my concern with the proposed DCID 1/7 revising the CONTROLLED DISSEM intelligence caveat to "NOT RELEASABLE TO CONSULTANTS OR CONTRACTORS". My concern is that such a caveat will perhaps be interpreted in a very narrow sense and thus be counterproductive to the use of the national nuclear laboratories in their intelligence support role to the AEC and other USIB agencies.

I don't think it is necessary to make the case for our laboratories' capabilities to contribute to USIB-directed research and development, the technical requirements on key intelligence questions, and technical support to US negotiating teams such as SALT II and special Executive Branch committees.

I am sure you realize that the laboratories must have timely access to current data produced by the collection programs of USIB if they are to continue in this important technical support role, and I would appreciate your assistance in this regard.

As early as December 1972 the Department of Justice ruled that the special and unique relationship of our full-time weapons laboratory personnel enabled AEC to treat them as if they were full-time Federal employees for the purposes of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972. I would therefore urge that you inform USIB agencies that the provision of DCID 1/7 as pertains to CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS does not apply to the AEC national nuclear laboratories when their "need to know" has been established.

Sincerely,

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